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GOALIE TO SUE NSW FED

The transfer system in NSW soccer is likely to be tested in court soon — and chances are it will be found wanting.

One of the top goalies in Sydney, Steve Hoszowski, had a writ issued through a firm of city solicitors charging Auburn and the NSW Federation with restraint of trade.

Auburn have a \$6,000 transfer on Hoszowski and, somewhat surprisingly, no club has snapped him up at that bargain rate.

Now Hoszowski has decided to challenge the system and gain his complete freedom to join another club — without any transfer fee at all.

The NSW Federation is certain to fight the case in order to save the whole system from collapsing.

They will claim that Hoszowski is not a full professional earning his living in soccer and thus the "trade restraint" in his case cannot apply as it was for Rugby

League star Denis Tutty — who won a judgement in court.

Although Hoszowski may well win his case — and blow up the transfer system — the court case may drag on for months or even longer and could seriously injure his career.

The ASF — overlords of the Philips League — are likely to support their member State Federation in this case to protect the status quo.

ASF secretary Brian Le Fevre said Hoszowski should have exhausted all avenues of appeals to NSW and the ASF against the transfer fee.

"The transfer system has worked well, by and large, over the years. Many players had their fees reduced and arrangements have been made to make it easier for them to change clubs by deferred payments.

Hoszowski, 25, a recent

The week belonged not so much to soccer as a game but to soccer as it is administered. Last Monday Auburn goalkeeper Steve Hoszowski had a writ issued against his club and the NSW Federation for restraint of trade which, ultimately, may well drag the ASF into the dispute. On the national front, the cancellation of the Sydney matches — but especially one — will have serious repercussions. This what our front page is all about.

graduate in physical education, will now have to decide whether to proceed with his case or seek some compromise.

He said he wasn't bitter about his club, Auburn — "there will be always a special spot in my heart for them," he added.

But he wants to play in a top club, reach national prominence and international status.

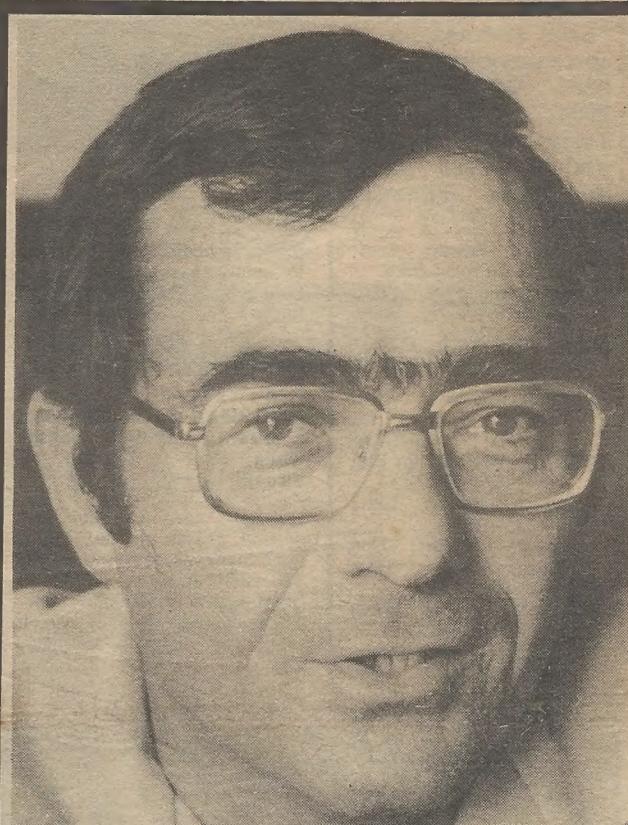
If the case does get to court, Hoszowski is likely to win his battle — but can he

— By Andrew Dettre —

also win the war against the might of soccer organisations?



NSW chief K. Rodney



John Frank, PSL manager

PSL MUST BE ROUND THE CLOCK AFFAIR

The first real emergency — Sydney's weekend downpour — caused confusion in last week's round of PSL matches.

Canberra City, for reasons not yet explained, failed to turn up for their Sunday match despite the ground, Barton Park, having been officially inspected by the referee and then declared playable.

It's a pity that PSL manager John Frank was in Melbourne and out of touch with the two clubs concerned, St George and Canberra, until after the one-sided, premature cancellation.

However, the onus was on Canberra to make the journey — as Fitzroy did from much further — rather than take the decision in their own hands.

But the weekend's events have also shown that the PSL is far too, sophisticated and important an organisation to depend entirely on the physical presence of its manager.

Whenever he must travel interstate from his home city, there should be a deputy on deck authorised to make instant decisions without spending hundreds of dollars on interstate telephone calls.

The PSL must be a round-the-clock affair — especially on the weekends when the matches are played.

To leave matters of postponement to rival club officials is inviting trouble; whenever "club interests" emerge, they will be tempted to force a postponement in bad weather even if that's not warranted.

Matches should NOT be cancelled the day before; teams should travel to meet their schedules regardless of weather, as Fitzroy did.

Then, if the referee — sole arbiter in the case — declares that the match cannot be played, they can turn around and fly home. This is the practise all over the world in professional soccer.

Sure, some flight tickets will be wasted occasionally but isn't it still preferable to calling games off prematurely and giving the soccer public the impression of indecision, confusion and amateurishness?

Soccer is played all over the world in bad weather, even snow: are we to believe that we are an exception again?

Ancient while on the subject organisation, the PSL should seriously think about one of the greatest paradoxes of the game.

The head office is in Sydney, which supplies five of the 14 teams, yet in the absence of manager John Frank, there isn't one senior PSL executive on hand to make decisions.

Two are in Melbourne, one in Adelaide — not through some grand design or clever planning but because of soccer's traditional Machiavellian scheming.

If the PSL clubs regard jockeying for executive positions more important than a commonsense approach to basic organisational problems then it merely proves that in the fundamentals of our attitudes we have progressed very little since the League's inception.

WHO CALLED OFF MATCH?

Easter Monday's St. George v Canberra City clash, postponed from last week, has all the classic elements of a grudge encounter just short of open warfare.

Canberra manager John Warren is still bitter about his departure from the Saints in 1975 and is still seeking, in court, a five-figure compensation.

Now the two clubs blame one another for the premature cancellation of last Sunday's match and they will take the field in a frame of mind which promises enough fireworks to light up neighbouring Mascot airport.

Although it's difficult to piece together all the events, we have tried, by speaking to St George soccer president Les Bordacs and, through our Canberra correspondent, to City secretary Hal Leslie.



Alex Pongrass,
Saints president

So why did Canberra deem it necessary to spend about \$600 to \$800 on accommodation and meals for such a short excursion?

It seems that Warren had requested Canberra's board for permission to take his team to Sydney on Saturday at the 5 pm flight for next day's match.

What is somewhat puzzling is why this was necessary in the first place: the flight takes 22 minutes and Barton Park is some 10 minutes from Mascot airport.

Les Bordacs claims to have insisted that the two clubs postpone a final decision about the fate of the match until Sunday 8 am and make it subject to the weather.

He told a Canberra official that they could easily catch the 9 am flight — or even a later one — and get to the ground in time.

However, the Canberra official allegedly told Les Bordacs that they wouldn't come — because their motel accommodation in Sydney had also been mysteriously cancelled...

Also, he added, they had dispersed the players and wouldn't be able to gather them together again for a morning flight.

Needless to say, both parties suspect foul play.

The questions that must be answered are:

Who cancelled Canberra's Saturday flight, on what authority and what happened to their motel booking?

Is it a fact that Canberra of



John Warren,
Canberra manager

officials refused to consider a Sunday morning flight claiming that they couldn't get their team together again?

PSL manager John Frank said he would interview the parties concerned.

A fine of up to \$1,000 can be meted out to any team which refuses to travel to play a match without reasonable excuse.



Toongabbie's able Public Relations man DAVID CLARK has been sidelined for the past two weeks, suffering from the mumps.

Toongabbie have signed up former Pan Hellenic man JIMMY IZATT after he trialled for the Demons in the friendly match against APIA the other week. Jimmy was actually transferred from Sydney Olympic, as Pan Hellenic are non-existent.

One of Croatia's three new players, JOHN RUSSELL, brother of defender BOBBY, has suffered an injury even before getting a chance to prove his worth to the team. John was in a car accident the other week and needed stitches in a cut on his forehead.

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One of Yugal's younger players, DAVID TRAVINI, is preparing for a nine-month holiday in Europe, of which he will spend six months in Yugoslavia. Yugal have arranged a club for him during that period so that he may be able to train and pick up some valuable experience.



Melita are certain to suffer a great loss at the end of March, as one of their stalwarts, GEORGE BUTLER (pictured), is returning home to Scotland due to family reasons. The club is hoping that George may come back in the near future, but as from the beginning of April they will be without him in the team.

Arncliffe's ALAN BANKHEAD should be making a return to the first team this week after a period out through injury.

YUGAL have just had some season tickets printed for all their home games. The cost is \$20 each, and this would be a great way to show your support for the club, desperately trying to build itself up to former status. They are available at Yugal's first home match or from any club committee man.

CLUB PATROL

Toongabbie have been following a 'get tough' policy this year in an effort to get the club moving into a professional attitude. This policy is mainly directed towards the players, and so far two have been charged with breach of contract by the club. DENNIS DONOVAN and BILLY MILLEN are the players who have, according to a club official, not lived up to their end of the contracts signed by the players with the club. Neither player is expected to play for Gabbie again.

It is never too late for any club to get in contact with the Referees Association and arrange an informal talk about the rules of the game as was suggested in CLUB PATROL a few weeks ago. As a result of that item a number of clubs contacted the refs, and Arncliffe Scots especially were pleasantly surprised and pleased by the informative chat that leading referee TIM DAVIES gave.

It was reported last week that Yugal's BILL LUPEVSKI would be back in action relatively soon. However, it seems Bill has decided to give his leg injury a good rest before training on it, and he could be out for a couple of months.

Arncliffe Scots seem certain to lose another player, for NORM ROGERS is at present training with Lethbridge Park.

Baulkham Hills, under coach VIC RENTOVETSKI, will be hard to contain in this year's Federation Fourth Division. Amongst this year's recruits are Steve Chapman, 22, who captained Toongabbie last year, and Barry Walker and Harry Gough from the same club. Another newcomer is Tommy Crone, formerly of Arncliffe Scots and Crotia.



Latest news via the grapevine is that JOHN DOYLE (pictured), has not been able to find a regular place in the APIA first team and there is talk of dissatisfaction within the club.

A few birthdays this month in the Arncliffe Scots club were GREG WARNER who turned 23 on the 14th, DAVE BAKER who turned 22 on the 10th, and JOHN MUSCOVITS who turned 18 this week on the 22nd.

Melita should be able to play IAN McGOVERN this week after he recovered from a leg injury received against Sutherland.

APIA have gained a talented young goalkeeper in WAYNE EVANS, formerly of Arncliffe Scots. Wayne had some differences with Scots over his position in the club, and decided to leave, and APIA were more than happy to snap up the 18 year-old keeper.

Easts-Hakoah, if anything, are good sellers of players: last week they offloaded a rather modestly endowed BOBBY McGUINNESS to South Melbourne for a cool \$5,000. Seems David MacLaren is willing to buy half the Hakoah side.

WILLIE HAMILTON last week transferred for \$1,200 from St George to Auburn and the polished Scot could add a touch of class to the badly weakened Auburn.

St George's Paraguayan ace ISIDORE ACOSTA has received his immigration papers in Barcelona and should be in Sydney by the end of March.

THE NSW LADIES Soccer Association has been granted affiliation to the NSW Amateur Federation.

At a recent meeting of the Yugal club one of the original members, Steve Viscovic, resigned as vice president and coach. Although nominated as team manager, he decided to have a rest for the moment from duties, but remains a staunch supporter of the club.

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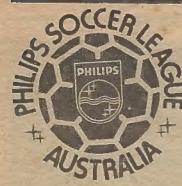
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Polonia's star recruit will arrive in about four weeks. He is ZBIGNIEW STRZELECKI from first division club Zaglebie Sosnowiec, a team coached by Joe Galeczka. Zbigniew is a prolific goal-scorer.

After much waiting and fretting over the late arrival of their mainstay midfielder STEWART GILMORE a while back, Arncliffe Scots received a set-back when Stewart injured himself and will be out of action with a knee problem.

It seems to have passed completely unnoticed in all the daily papers and except for a few observant outsiders not too many people unconnected with the club would have known: last week was the 20th anniversary of the foundation of the Croatia club. The event was celebrated by club members at the Croatia club in Marrickville last Saturday evening.



PHILIPS LEAGUE SCOREBOARD



Footscray

Marconi

0

2 (1)

FOOTSCRAY: O'Hara 3, Parrott 3, Kazi 3, Iloski 3, Kondarios 3, **Rujevic** 5, Palinkas 3, Ristovski 3, Piciaone 3, Hazabent 3, Lujic 3.

MARCONI: Maher 4, Jones 3, Russell 3, Prskalo 4, Degney 4, Byrne 3, Vieri 4, Rooney 3, Sharne 4, Jankovics 3; Mariani 4.

Goals: 0-1 Kondarios (30m, o.g.), 0-2 Mariani (52m).
Referee: D. Yelland. **Crowd:** 4200.
Cautions: Hazabent, Kondarios.

Despite what the scoreline may suggest, it was Footscray who created the greater chances but Ristovski, Rujevic and Palinkas missed some great sitters. Gradually, Marconi started to build their attacks from the midfield. Then tragedy struck Footscray—Parrott tried to head down a long clearance to Kondarios but slipped, leaving the ball to the speeding Sharne and Parrott's desperate lunge was good only to get the ball into his own net. Footscray almost got the equaliser immediately before halftime but Rooney cleared a Ristovski shot off the goal line. Palinkas, then Lujic missed from close range. Finally, Italian maestro Roberto Vieri began to assert his authority and set up the second, decisive goal. Sharne again beat Parrott and left the ball to Mariani who had no difficulty in beating O'Hara. For the rest of the match Marconi cleverly held their lead against an increasingly frustrated Footscray. Vieri and Rooney in midfield held their team together well while up front Sharne's dashes always spelt danger. Jankovics had a quiet game but the others did more than enough to wrap up the points and score a morale-boosting win—their third without conceding a single goal in return.

— C. NIKOLOPOULOS



Alan Maher

Brisbane City

Adelaide City

2 (0)

1 (0)

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 3, Rathmell (Lavelle: 7m, 3), **Perry** 5, Tokesi 3, Kibbey 3, Pimblett 3, Echeverria 3, Gaffney 3, Conner 3, (Coyne: 71m), Marley 4, Nyskohus 2, Northcote 3.

Goals: 1-0 Echeverria (47m), 2-0 Marley (52m), 2-1 Marocchi (90m).
Referee: D. Nugent. **Crowd:** 4800. **Caution:** Lavelle.

Any resemblance this Brisbane City side had to the dashing raiders of last week was purely incidental. The first half consisted of negative, probing midfield play that was easily taken care of by the respective defences. The only excitements were provided by both custodians with dropped balls. Halftime was an opportunity for both coaches to vent their spleen on their players. Ford must have proved the better talker as Brisbane immediately came to life after the restart. Echeverria gained a rather "soft" foul freekick just outside the box and his shot was quickly rifled past Marshall who came in for Romanowicz just after halftime. Five minutes later it was 2-0 when Gaffney tried a long, viciously spinning shot which rocketed off the crossbar to the surprised Marley who picked off the spinning ball and smashed it home from an almost impossible angle. Brisbane City now decided they had enough and this flat spell nearly cost them dearly. Had Adelaide strikers been more accurate with their shots, they could have scored four goals in the last 10 or 15 minutes. John Nyskohus had one of those days he would rather forget and it was left to never-say-die Gary Marocchi to beat a badly positioned Wishart with a well placed lob shot in the last seconds of the game. This was a match better forgotten by both teams. Visiting coach Rale Basic had the smile of a well fed fox on his face after the match; I don't blame him.

— J. BINNIE



John Nyskohus

Canberra logic

All those who love soccer and keep their fingers crossed for the success of the PSL are delighted with Canberra City's progress.

Their two home gates of 6,000 plus were truly marvellous, probably due, at least partly to their new home venue, the Bruce Stadium.

However, I question the logic of their manager, John Warren who last week repeatedly claimed that a 6,000 attendance in Canberra would equal 90,000 in Sydney."

If Warren were right, the Cosmos in New Jersey should be disappointed with attendances under 360,000...

John Warren has been around long enough to know that you cannot equate population sizes with attendances.

In fact, in most parts of the world, soccer's power base is shifting from the capitals to the country areas.

Small places like Innsbruck in Austria, Tatahanya of Hungary, Nancy in France, Nottingham in England, Eindhoven in Holland and many others—with populations ranging from 60,000 to 200,000—regularly outdraw teams from Vienna, Budapest, Paris, London and Amsterdam.

It's not rare in Europe for a small city with a population of 80,000 to have a soccer crowd of 20,000.

If Canberra's healthy attendances outstrip those of Sydney—and thus they clearly do, even without tricky arithmetics—the reasons are obvious.

The weekend "attractions" of Canberra are not quite up to the Sydney standard and, more importantly, Sydney has five PSL teams while the national capital has one.

We wish Canberra City all the luck in the world—their pioneering work to take big-time soccer to country areas may open a new chapter in Australian sport.

But John Warren shouldn't be carried away and into the dangerous areas of statistics and demography with false parallels.

— A.D.

TOP SCORERS

HUGHES (LIONS) 3

GRUICIC (CANBERRA) 2

JANKOVICS (MARCONI) 3

OLLERTON (STH. MELB.) 2

ECHEVERRIA (BR. CITY) 2

ROGERS (STH. MELB.) 2

SILVA (HAKOAH) 2



PHILIPS LEAGUE RESULTS

	Hakoah	Marconi	Fitzroy	Adel. City	West. Sub.	St. George	West Adel.	Footscray	Br. Lions	Br. City	South Melb.	Olympic	Canberra	Newcastle
Hakoah	9/4	Pp	16/4	23/7	20/8	6/8	25/6	1-3	2/7	30/4	28/5	14/5	11/6	
Marconi	9/7	H	4-0	2/4	16/4	14/5	30/4	18/6	11/6	26/3	23/7	29/8	6/8	28/5
Fitzroy	18/6	4/6	1	21/5	26/3	23/7	9/4	27/8	14/5	1-0	2/7	30/4	6/7	6/8
Adel. City	16/7	2/7	20/8	L	30/4	26/3	28/5	0-1	6/8	18/6	14/5	9/4	4/6	23/4
West. Sub.	23/4	16/7	25/6	30/7		28/5	14/5	2/4	Pp	9/4	6/8	11/6	20/8	1-1
St. George	21/5	13/8	23/4	25/6	27/8	P	4/6	30/7	16/7	7/5	0-2	2/7	Pp	9/4
West Adel.	7/5	30/7	9/7	27/8	13/8	1-4	S	16/4	2/4	23/7	21/5	0-1	11/6	25/6
Footscray	26/3	0-2	28/5	11/6	2/7	30/4	16/7	*	20/8	4/6	9/4	6-8	23/7	14/5
Br. Lions	4/6	0-3	13/8	7/5	18/6	16/4	2/7	21/5	L	27/8	26/3	23/7	9/4	23/7
Br. City	2/4	25/6	11/6	2-1	9/7	6/8	23/4	3-0	28/5	E	16/7	14/5	30/4	20/8
South Melb.	30/7	23/4	2/4	13/8	7/5	11/6	20/8	9/7	25/6	16/4	A	1-1	28/5	3-0
Olympic	27/8	21/5	30/7	9/7	0-	2/4	18/6	7/5	23/4	13/8	4/6	E	26/3	16/7
Canberra	13/8	7/5	16/4	2-2	21/5	18/6	1-1	23/4	9/7	30/7	27/8	25/6	U	2/4
Newcastle	1-4	27/8	7/5	23/7	4/6	9/7	26/3	13/8	30/4	21/5	18/6	16/4	2/7	E

N.B.: For every match we took Sunday dates. However, some matches will be played on Saturdays, one day earlier than indicated in the squares.

PHILIPS LEAGUE TABLE

In brackets: Last week's placings	AGGREGATE					HOME					AWAY									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A
1 (1) MARCONI	3	3	—	—	9	—	6	1	1	—	—	4	—	2	2	—	—	5	—	4
2 (2) SOUTH MELBOURNE	3	2	1	—	6	1	5	2	1	1	—	4	1	3	1	1	—	2	—	2
3 (4) BRISBANE CITY	3	2	—	1	5	2	4	2	2	—	—	5	1	4	1	—	—	1	—	1
4 (3) WESTERN SUBURBS	2	1	1	—	2	1	3	1	—	1	—	1	1	1	1	1	—	1	—	1
5 (12) OLYMPIC	3	1	1	1	2	2	3	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	2	1	1	—	2	1
6 (5) HAKOAH	2	1	—	1	5	4	2	1	—	—	1	1	3	—	1	1	—	4	1	2
7 (6) ST. GEORGE	2	1	—	1	4	3	2	1	—	—	1	—	2	—	1	1	—	4	1	2
8 (7) CANBERRA	2	—	2	—	3	3	2	2	—	2	—	3	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
9 (8) BRISBANE LIONS	2	1	—	1	3	4	2	1	—	—	1	—	3	—	1	1	—	3	1	2
10 (10) FITZROY	2	1	—	1	1	4	2	1	1	—	—	1	—	2	1	—	1	—	4	—
11 (9) FOOTSCRAY	3	1	—	2	1	5	2	1	—											



PHILIPS LEAGUE '78

PSL SQUADS

ADELAIDE CITY

Roger Romanowicz
Alan Marshall
Zoran Matic
Frank Lister
Bogdan Nyskohus
Fred Yung
Agenor Muniz
Danny Dance
Dave Rigby
John Perin
Gary Marocchi
Robbie Marwee
John Nyskohus
Brian Northcote
Coach: E. Kreft

ST. GEORGE BSC

Martin Coe
Tyrone Patterson
George Harris
Doug Utjesenovic
Peter Terry
Emery Holmik
Brendan Grosse
John O'Shea
Peter Hensman
Rodolfo Gnavi
Zoran Djurasic
Neville Morgan
Paul Jones
Robert O'Shea
Phil O'Connor
Coach: I. Takac

FITZROY UNITED

Peter Blasby
Arthur McMillan
Jim Tansey
Nick Rakovalis
Doug Hay
Bobby Proven
Pat Bannon
Kenny Taylor
Jim Campbell
Andrew Bouzikas
Mike Micevski
Branko Buljevic
Gary Cole
Theo Seleminidis
Coach: T. Boggi

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

Gary Meier
Paul Luckett
Greg Lynch
David McIntosh
Paul Coton
Ken Wilson
Stuart Markland
Greg Allian
Mike Cross
Derek Laing
Alex Jamieson
Jim Herron
Alan Ainslie
Chris Thamnidis
Coach: T. Anderson

MARCONI

Alan Maher
Jim Fraser
Paul Degney
Barry Jones
Ivo Prskalo
John Russell
Gary Byrne
Ray Richards
Jim Rooney
Roberto Vieri
Mark Jankovics
Bert Mariani
Peter Sharne
Richie Williams
Coach: Z. Rasic

NEWCASTLE UNITED

Phil Dando
Ossie Bellamy
Roy Drinkwater
Colin Curran
Bill Summerscales
Peter Willis
Bill Amey
Neil Endacott
Craig Mason
Ken Boden
Lloyd Hardes
Peter Tredinnick
Mike Galpin
John Turnbull
Coach: A. Vest

FOOTSCRAY

Mike O'Hara
John Martin
Allan Parrott
Andy Kazi
Jim Kriaris
Jim Kondaros
John Nikolaidis
Mirko Rujevic
Zoran Iloski
Andrew Ristic
Joe Palinkas
Joe Piciacane
Mendo Ristovski
Dragan Vasic
Coach: C. Cerkovic

BRISBANE LIONS

Nigel Lownds
Alan Niven
Colin Bennett
Jim Hermiton
George Potter
Steve Amos
John Neale
John Ogden
Eddie Spearitt
Iain Fagan
Alan Hughes
Paul Laslo
Iain Lowry
Barry Fairbrother
Coach: J. Vincze

WESTERN SUBURBS

Terry Eaton
Rod Skellern
Peter Wilson
Bobby Noble
Warren Turnbull
Peter Stone
Dave Harding
Brian O'Donnell
John Vernon
Alan Fisher
Mark Samuels
Clive Eaton
Ian Rowden
Greg Woodhouse
Coach: M. Laing

CANBERRA CITY

Ron Tilset
David Lindenmeyer
Greg Willet
Steve Hogg
Tony Henderson
Mike Milovanovic
John Brown
Gary Parker
Jim Cant
Ivan Gruisic
Ken Henderson
Roy Stark
Ian Heywood
Terry Byrne
Coach: J. Warren

BRISBANE CITY

Ken Wishart
Ian Rathmell
John Lavelle
Peter Tokesi
Steve Perry
Tom McLeod
Brian Kibbey
Frank Pimblett
Roberto Echeverria
Larry Gaffney
William Conner
Kevin Caldwell
John Coyne
Alan Marley
Coach: D. Ford

WEST ADELAIDE

Martyn Crook
Peter Tymczyszyn
Barry Reynolds
Neil McGachey
David Jones
Lacki Vagianos
Victor Bozanic
Ian McGregor
Uros Zivkovic
Peter Boyle
Eric Carruthers
Graham Norris
Alex Zervas
Con Kamps
Coach: J. Margaritis

EASTS HAKOAH

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Kevin Mullen
Henry Mowbray
George Townsend
Steve O'Connor
Murray Barnes
John Stevenson
Ernie Campbell
Alan Kershaw
Adahilton Silva
Terry Smith
Joe Watson
Bobby Smith
Coach: G. Chaldi

SOUTH MELBOURNE

Jack Reilly
Joe Hansen
Mike Pye
Chris Kalafatidis
Stuart Baxter
Peter Vaughan
Mike Hatzimanou
Bobby McGuiness
Bertie Luton
Sammy Wright
Billy Rogers
Peter Ollerton
Duncan Cummings
Chris Kent
Coach: D. MacLaren

Brisbane graveyard of coaches fast filling up

Brisbane is fast becoming a "graveyard" for itinerant coaches bent upon making themselves a name in PSL.

The competition is hardly a year old and both clubs are now using their seventh coach between them.

The names which have come and gone are Kesson and Scheinflug, Saftich and Nesti, now Daykin, leaving the men in possession, Dennis Ford on loan from the QSF, and "stand in" first

Sydney:

BRUCE STOWELL, 1976 Rothmans Award winner and for a short time coach of Sydney Olympic, has settled in well as coach of Western Suburbs. Although he has been the quiet man, his work and advice have been greatly appreciated by the players.

GREG WOODHOUSE, an up and coming youngster whose career has been guided by Wests' goalkeepers' coach Ron Lord, has recently been reserve goalkeeper to Terry Eaton.

JEFF RODNEY, last year's physiotherapist with Wests, has made himself available again to meet the club's needs. He originally intended to concentrate entirely on his university course.

Wests have been heartened by the support given to them by the big junior club, Cartingford Redbacks. Wests manager Mike Laing says: "If only the other clubs would adopt the same attitude. Many say they will run junior teams and forget the seniors. We can place as many good lads as they can produce". The support of the big clubs in the adjacent areas of Baulkham Hills, Castle Hill and North Rocks would be a boon to Wests, whose home crowds rival Hakoah's in paucity. Last season they touched 2,000 against Adelaide City, but once again reverted to low figures.

Terry Smith's ankle has mended, and the big striker resumed training for Hakoah this week, bringing a smile to the face of coach Gerry Chaldi.

division "promotion" Gyula Vincze at Lions stadium.

This is an absolutely ridiculous situation and highlights once again the sorry state our so-called top league is in when it is measured in the selection of coaches by the power men in each club.

If we exclude Newcastle, who are new entrants, the only clubs who have held their coaches since inception are Hakoah, Marconi, Canberra, Wests, Adelaide City and Footscray.

It is noticeable also to the shrewd, or should we say cynical, observer that three of these teams finished in the top four. Significant?, we think so.

Where are our clubs going wrong? To the onlooker it would appear many are trying to travel too far, too fast.

The search appears to go on endlessly for some big name from out of town or overseas.

It could be said, they are the pipers and are entitled to call the tune, but one can't help feeling this group of dedicated, hard-working people are caught in a no-man's land between what they imagine a "top man" to be, and what they actually require.

Let's take a look overseas where the mythical big names are bred.

To make comparisons between soccer in Europe or South America and Australia is absolute madness and yet all round Australia we have clubs attempting to do just that.

Can anyone really imagine the shock a top-line coach would get if he came here from, e.g., Arsenal's staff, to look after "Woolloomooloo Rovers" with their two "floodlight" training ground and City Council rented "stadium".

The two are worlds apart so

the only thing that gets them here is money and in this field we have to lay a very poor second fiddle to America, the Middle East and Asia where vast crowd takings alone make the finance available.

Much has been said of the need to develop local players;



Gyula Vincze

Adelaide needs — management ability, administrative know-how, financial capability, and perhaps the seniority that commands respect.

In this way the less financial of the clubs could save money, gain the benefits of two brains, develop local coaching talent and then, when the day for full time professional playing staff is reached, the endless search overseas would no longer be needed.

Simple, uncomplicated, like the game itself. Only people make it difficult.

— Jim Binnie

Adelaide:

Agenor Muniz is almost certain to return to Adelaide City for Sunday's match against St. George.

He played last weekend for Ady's reserve team against Windsor Athletic.

Ady's are also hopeful of getting back, perhaps this week, their Scot-tish ace Dixie Deans.

The police charges in Scotland against him have been dropped and he is free to move once again.

— A. CRISP

Guest appearances for Newcastle by Bobby Charlton are still in the pipeline. Alan Vest was in touch with Charlton a fortnight ago, and the former England international indicated this continued interest. At present the club is awaiting receipt of his final terms. "We are determined to have Charlton appearing for us this season," Vest said this week.

Ian Kesson, Brisbane City's coach for much of last year, is in control at Ipswich United in the Queensland First Division. And Steve Dolan, tipped to be a Philips League star, remains with Grange-Thistle.

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PHILIPS LEAGUE '78

Swollen round could make or break teams

— By Andrew Dettre —

This weekend could turn into a League marathon with the three postponed matches all squeezed into Easter Monday, making it 10 games all told.

At presstime PSL manager John Frank could still not confirm all arrangements, due to ground problems and the heavy demand on aircraft space during the holidays.

However, if his plans come off, it will be more than a fair test of nerves and stamina for quite a few teams.

Of those likely to double-up, Hakoah and Canberra may fare the best, playing their two matches in the same city.

Even more richly rewarded will be Fitzroy who could play two home games without any travelling at all.

Western Suburbs, St. George and Brisbane Lions, on the other hand, will be under a serious handicap, having to play on Sunday, then travelling to an away match for the next day.

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Wednesday, March 29: Disco — 7.30 p.m.
Thursday, March 30: Movie — 8.00 p.m.

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Paul Luckett, Olympic

Canberra wants Dundee

If Dundee, reportedly due to tour Australia, do play in Canberra on the Monday, the Queen's birthday week, they should draw perhaps the biggest crowd of their visit — well in excess of 10,000.

The match couldn't be staged on a midweek night because, almost incredibly, the \$6m, stadium, has no floodlights.

Lighting, though in the original plan and costing less than a tenth of the total, was cut by the present government as an austerity measure.

Dundee beat an ACT team 7-1 in 1972. Canberra City is now recognised as the local representative side and would no doubt give a much better account of itself than its predecessor.

STOP PRESS

All Saturday and Sunday PSL matches unchanged.

Monday's program:

Wests v Lions, Dural, 3 p.m.

St. George v Canberra, Barton Park, 3 p.m.

Hakoah v Fitzroy, Olympic Park, Melb., 3 p.m. (Hakoah home match.)



Hakoah to cast name-net wider

A few weeks ago we stirred up a hornet's nest with our front page story about Hakoah's intentions to change their name.

Several telephone callers claimed we were staging a hoax or, worse, provoking trouble.

We stood by our information — which came from impeccable sources.

Now it's confirmed.

Last week the Jewish Times reported:

"Dollars and cents may force Hakoah to consider a change of name again, president Frank Lowry told last week's annual general meeting.

He indicated that the club is having great difficulty in finding substantial sponsorship, without becoming "more universal in appeal".

"A change in name might help, as would proper publicity and promotion, which could in-

crease patronage and membership," Lowry said.

The president pointed out that Newcastle United probably made as much in gate money against Hakoah than the Jewish club has all last season.

"One day we will have to face the truth that Hakoah's

team cannot be run for the benefit of just a few hundred supporters," he said.

The Jewish Times had learnt that major oil and rubber companies are among those interested in providing sponsorship from 1979 onwards if Hakoah undergoes a cosmetic change of "image".

OFFICIAL PROGRAM OF PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE



THIS WEEK

Saturday, March 25

Footscray v Easts Hakoah Schinkler, 3 p.m.
Newcastle v W. Adelaide Sports Centre, 2.30 p.m.

Sunday, March 26

Bris. Lions v Sth. Melbourne Perry Park, 3 p.m.
Olympic v Canberra Erskineville, 3 p.m.
Adel. City v St. George Olympic Field, 2.30 p.m.
Marconi v Bris. City Bossley Park, 3 p.m.
Fitzroy v West. Sub. Schinkler, 3 p.m.

NEXT WEEK

West Adelaide v Brisbane Lions
West. Suburbs v Footscray
Sth. Melbourne v Fitzroy
Brisbane City v Easts Hakoah
Marconi v Adelaide City
Canberra v Newcastle
Olympic v St. George



John O'Shea, Saints

Ankudinoff back with West Sub

Utility player Greg Ankudinoff has returned to Wests after three months at Leeds, full of determination to make good.

"I hope to win a first team place with Wests, but failing that I wouldn't mind returning to England," he said.

At 18, Ankudinoff has obtained plenty of honours as a junior. He was in the State's under-16 side that won the National Youth Championship in Hobart two years ago and was a reserve against the English Schoolboys at under-15 level in 1974.

Ankudinoff has plenty of assets, and one of the greatest is that he can use either foot.

Mike Laing is watching him closely at Wests, having noted that he showed up well alongside the Leeds starlets when he had called on him at Elland Road late last year.

Ankudinoff believes the English sojourn did him a lot of good. He got in one reserve and one youth team appearance. His period there was made much more difficult because of cancellations due to snow.

Just before returning he was picked to play against Crystal Palace in London in the FA Youth Cup, but snow intervened once again...

We may have to give games a miss

— By Keith Gilmour —

Australian players will not be able to join in the glory of the Olympic Games for the foreseeable future.

That is the logical but unfortunate result of the present financial situation in soccer.

It has been proved that World Cup participation can be afforded whether there is a win through to the finals or not, due to generous sponsorships.

This may also apply at under-19 level, thanks to Coca-Cola and the expected Government assistance for likely away matches.

Unfortunately, the draw pits the Oceania winner against Israel, and the winner of that then meets the third South American country.

This situation could escalate expenses beyond resources, although assistance received could make the position feasible.

Under-19 players could forego wages from the ASF, for example, to make their participation in this gold label tourney possible.

If Australian resources can be stretched to enable national teams to take part in the World Cup and the FIFA Coca-Cola World Youth Cup, then there is nothing in kitty for an Olympic Games venture.

An Australian amateur team could be involved there in playing, for example, the Korean B national side.

The international could be in Seoul, with all the travel, accommodation and other expenses involved.

The Australian Olympic Committee will not find one cent to help a sport that is involved in preliminaries prior to the Games themselves.

The day must come when Australia is an Olympic Games football force, but it is not here yet.

In Adelaide "Soccer World" copies are available at main bookstalls in the City every week from 12 noon on Thursdays. For further information phone 337-9113.



"FOOTBALL FIESTA" FLOP BLAMED ON RUGBY LEAGUE

Melbourne's much publicised "Rogsocrules" football fiesta was a complete flop.

While a crowd of 20,000 to 30,000 was "forecast", only about 4200 turned up to watch the promotion.

The crowd was slowly building up during the VFL game between Fitzroy and Footscray, peaked at 4200 for the Footscray v Marconi PSL match — then 3200 immediately left the ground, leaving 1000 to watch two Sydney Rugby League teams, Manly and Western Suburbs slug it out.

Said Ian Heads in the Rugby League-minded Sunday Telegraph:

"Melbourne yesterday thumbed its nose at Rugby League at the sports flop of the year — Festival of Football."

"Only 1200 people stayed on at the 40,000 capacity Junction Oval to watch the Western Suburbs versus Manly exhibition match, the first top-grade Rugby League game played in Melbourne in 27 years."

"In front of a crowd of mainly expatriate Sydneysiders, Manly and Wests turned on a spiteful match — won 12-5 by the Sea Eagles — which left both sides nursing wounded players."

"At its height the crowd reached 4200 during the Philips Soccer League match between Marconi and Footscray JUST

and there was a rush for the gates as soon as the soccer finished."

"Melbourne people obviously have a closed mind on the subject of Rugby League — that's obvious after today," said Manly secretary, Ken Arthurson."

Well, Ken, that's probably true — the same closed mind that the Sydney metropolitan press has on soccer.

Although, in retrospect, those Melbourne fans did miss some great spectacle.

According to the Sun-Herald:

"Prop John Gray and half-back John Gibbs needed their faces stitched after a torrid match that saw players from both sides limp from the field at full-time."

"Manly players, captain Terry Randall, Alan Thompson and Ian Thomson finished the match with back injuries, and Wests' Peter Walsh had a suspected broken hand, Stephen Blyth a strained calf muscle and Wayne Smith and Mick Liubinskas twisted knees."

The surprising thing is not that Melbourne fans — like those of another few thousand cities all over the world — give Rugby League a miss but that Sydney still prefers that quaint "game" suitable for oversize gorillas to soccer.

Each to his taste.



Jim Rooney — in flat fiesta

Giants meet in Euro-Cup semi

There won't be a repeat of the 1977 European Champions' Cup final this year — Liverpool and Borussia Monchengladbach have been drawn to meet in the semifinal on March 29 and April 12.

These are the semifinal draws:
 CHAMPIONS' CUP: Juventus (Italy) v Bruges (Belgium), Monchengladbach v Liverpool.
 CUPWINNERS' CUP: Dynamo Moscow (USSR) v Austria Wien, Twente (Holland) v Anderlecht (Belgium).

UEFA CUP: Grasshoppers (Swiss) v Bastia (France), PSV Eindhoven v Barcelona (Spain).

The first leg will be played in the home of the team first mentioned.



Emlyn Hughes celebrating Liverpool's win in the 1977 European Cup final, in Rome.

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DIVISION TWO

STUDENTS TESTED BY KEEN KURINGAI

— By Charles Spiteri —

The clash between promotion seekers Kuringai and the newly promoted University of NSW should provide some entertaining football at Parklands Oval this weekend.

The heavy downpour last weekend prevented Kuringai from playing but University under new coach Luiz Solis managed to score four goals against the ailing Guildford.

Revesby Workers will find a much stronger Marrickville than the one beaten by Blactown last week.

Marrickville expected to have Gordon Mackin and Andy Pondekas in the side which will certainly give them a big boost as they have been their stalwarts for the past few years.

In other matches Polonia will play NS-Inter, Warringah play Belmore, Guildford play Gladsville-Hornsby and Blacktown play Queens Park.

Only two games were played last weekend in very wet conditions with the newly promoted teams Blacktown and the University of NSW scoring wins in the opening round.

BLACKTOWN v MARRICKVILLE 3-0

Blacktown took off with a flying start in this new division by scoring a convincing win against highly respected opposition.

Despite the pouring rain both sides produced some excellent football, particularly in the first half.

Calvin Parkinson put Blacktown in the lead within 10 minutes when against the run of play he pounced on a through ball by Alec Gardner, rounded three defenders then slammed the ball into the net.

Marrickville hit back with several attacking moves and were denied the equaliser with three great saves by young goalkeeper Bruce James.

Seven minutes before half-time, Marrickville were caught again when defender Bobby Vincent turned defence into attack with a pass to George McCulloch who swiftly laid a perfect pass for Sam Meharn to score.

After the interval, the game slowed down with the heavy downpour but Blacktown scored again when Meharn was brought down heavily in the penalty area and he successfully converted the penalty.

Young Blacktown replacement fullback Ralph Ramische who was brought into first grade because of injuries was the best player on the field.

George McCulloch also had an outstanding game for the winners.

Blacktown: James, Hoff, Vincent, McCloy, R. Ramische, McCulloch, Gardner, Hanish (Clarke), Parkinson (1), Meharn (2), J. Ramische.

Marrickville: Horiotopolous, Windshuttle, Day, Andrews, Lee, Apostolidis, Clarke, Walsh, Jordan, Reimer.

LAST WEEK SECOND DIVISION

Blackt'n v M'ville 3-0 1-1
Belmore v Polonia — 3-2 5-0
Uni NSW v G'ford 4-2 6-2 3-1
(Not played — forfeit to Blacktown)

NSW DRAW

April 1-2

Third Division
Sat: Bondi v Pt Hacking, Waverley Oval; Lethbridge v Nepean, Jersey Rd. Sun: Bathurst '75 v Gladstones, Bathurst; Lane Cove v Yagoona, Pottery Green; West Ryde v Riverstone, Waud S.G.; Dee Why v Wenty, Dee Why Oval.

Fourth Division
Sat: Artarmon v Greenwich, Artarmon; Hurstville v Fairfield, Ettav Park. Sun: Campbelltown v Ryde, Rangers Rd; Baulkham Hills v Ashcroft, Horwood Res; N. Bankstown v Sydney Uni, Potts Park; Holroyd v Padstow, Guildford West.

Fifth Division
Sat: Paddington Spanish v Kingsford, Soccer Centre; Belfield RSL v Haberfield, Cooke Park, North Ryde v Bonnyrigg, North Ryde. Sun: Chelsea v Eastwood, Moore Park, Maroubra v North Rocks, Coral Sea; Auburn Jrs v Revesby Rovers, Progress Park.

Sixth Division
Sat: Camden v W. St. George, Ponderosa Pk; Concordia v Carley Hts, Mahoney Oval. Sun: Macquarie Uni v Hawkesbury, Macquarie Uni No 1; Prospect v West Holroyd, Endeavour Res No 2; Eastern Creek v Pagewood, Eastern Creek; Fairfield West v Green Valley, Parks Res.

Seventh Division
Sat: Sydney Macca v Liverpool, Moore Pk No 12; Normanhurst v Chullora, Normanhurst Pk. Sun: Emu Plains v Southern Dists, Emu Plains; Bankstown Sports v Lakemba RSC, Condell Pk HS; Edensor Park v Greystanes, St Johns Pk; Moorebank v South Sydney, Hammondville Pk.

UNIVERSITY OF NSW v GUILDFORD 4-2

Played on heavy ground and in strong winds, University raced to a two-goal lead by half-time. Guildford levelled with goals from Alan Unut and Ross Medcalf.

However, University pulled the game out of the fire with another two goals. Striker Conrad Carwaj scored two of the four goals.

Guildford: Codrington, Henderson, Hunter, Picking, Lowe, Hampson (Pritchard), Ekelencamp, Siore, Unut (1), Medcalf (1), Binns.



Glen Adams of Revesby

No deal, no coach

Guildford Wanderers Soccer Club rejected an amalgamation offer from the Chilean Club Concord Cola Cola — and in the process also lost its coach Luiz Solis.

Solis resigned last week on the eve of the start of the competition leaving the club without a coach.

Jim Christie, the former Glasgow Rangers star took over the coaching job on Friday — just two days before the competition kick-off.

Christie, who coached and played for Guildford two years ago will be assisted by another Guildford stalwart Chris Lowe.

Guildford went back to amateur status this season and have lost many of their regular players to other clubs.

For the first time in many years, the club is facing an uphill battle and is still searching for players to man the three teams.

In addition to his first team duties, Chris is also coaching the third grade side which seems to have plenty of talent but is lacking experience.

Last Friday, Solis has taken over as coach of University of NSW where he thinks he can make a bigger contribution to soccer than what was available at Guildford.

— C.S.

TASMAN CUP

The Tasman Cup draw has been made and entries stand at 248 schools — an improvement of five on last year.

Cumberland will have a good side, with Randall Green to the fore.

Tony Pezzano will be in goal for Canterbury, and Peter Katholos will be in the Belmore side.

Bankstown's young players have matured and they and Newcastle's Booragul are sure to throw out a stiff challenge.

Demons after scalp of cup winning Sutherland

— By Keith Gilmour —

Avala's early bid for points towards a final four position will be severely tested when they meet Melita Eagles at Garside Park on Eastern Monday.

Jim Magill's signing for Avala from Toongabbie came just in time for him to settle in for the premiership campaign.

He is a crafty distributor from a deep-lying position as well as having positive scoring potential.

Monaro's Ian McGovern has been cleared by a specialist following a hamstring injury and the team will be at full strength if Bob Smith throws off the effects of flu.

There will be one Saturday match this weekend, followed by four on Sunday and two on Monday and all clubs are raring to go after last weekend's Sydney washout.

MONARO V GRANVILLE

Glen Borwick, Tim O'May and John Forwood will appear for home team Monaro against their original club at Marco Polo Oval.

Monaro have the team play to succeed in this one, especially as they have had time to settle down after tasting the long haul to Sydney for their five earlier Ampol Cup matches, and a point to show from the Manly outing.

APIA product Tony Morsello now has had the chance to show his worth on the Monaro wing, and Giampaoli, Walter Valeri and Morsello are bound to worry the Granville defence.

Granville coach Bobby Wall has reason to be pleased at the performance of his rebuilt team.

MONARO: Fabriani, Prgomejla, O'May, De Paoli, Santolin, Crawford, Lawler, Forwood, M. Valeri, Giampaoli, W. Valeri, Borwick, Cumming, Morsello, Antonopoulos.

GRANVILLE: Hoare, Selfridge, Sands, Slater, Barker, Haydec, Milne, Johns, Fraser, Waldon, Lackey, McVeigh, Scamperie, Baron.

TOONGABBIE V SUTHERLAND

Toongabbie made a quick swoop to sign former Sydney Olympic alumnus Jim Izatt ready for the League kick-off.

Izatt will lend experience to an attack that lacks firmness, but it will surprise if the Demons can overcome Sutherland, whose eyes are set on the \$5,000 premiership winner's prize.

Although Peter Wykes has long been a servant of the Sutherland club, there is little doubt that this could be his biggest season yet.

Those short, sharp balls from the back are reinforcing the midfield, which is already the Shire's strongest division.

TOONGABBIE: Donovan, Gerlo, Parkhouse, Millen, Pollard, Benito De Valle, Thomas, Pena, Hormazabal, Ortega, Armitage, Holloway, Hammond, Taylor, Warren, Izatt.

SUTHERLAND: Haynes, Hesford, Wykes, Woods, Basterfield, Schumann, Dal Forno, Beggs, Smith, C. Hall, Lavin, Hammer, Smith, P. Hall, Branson.

MARRICKVILLE V ARNCLIFFE

This Saturday clash on well-grassed Arlington should be a tough struggle, in which the home team might reverse their narrow Ampol Cup loss.

Lambert is proving himself as one of Olympic's strongest players and certainly Peter Katholos has a creativity that is improving the team.

Workrate is the name of the game for Arncliffe Scots and their extra fitness could be a big advantage on the compact Arlington arena.

It will soon become obvious whether Marrickville Olympic now have the spark that their predecessors Hellas Canterbury lacked, so this game will represent a big test for coach John Xipolitis.

ARNCLIFFE: Cuneo, D. Butler, Walsh, Smart, Warner, Harrington, O'Mears, Armstrong, Gilmour, Baker, Cochem, Cirillo, Muscovits, Smali.

Balafas, Kable, Sheldrick, Thompson, Karaspyros, Lambert, Nezeritis, Zeros, Brown, Katholos, Angelopoulos, Penman, Tsingolios.

YUGAL V AUBURN

Willie Hamilton's signing for Auburn could not have been better timed, as if ever they need a midfield general it was now.

The defence could be tightened due to Gary Fairclough's return after injury, but it nevertheless remains unproven this year.

The forwards have not yet impressed in front of goal, and so some of those counter-attacks that Yugal favour could prove fruitful.

There is not as much between the teams as many fans imagine, but whilst Auburn must be favoured Yugal are not without the ability to at least force a draw.

YUGAL: Mandrides, Nitya, Piper, Novakovic, Radovac, Stamenkovic, Travini, Karenfilovski, Mihajlovic, Rodas, Lupeski, Nanneriello, Cuk.

AUBURN: Griffin, J. Gibson, McGlynn, Vidic, Bertram, Dobson, Siedy, Bieleb, Stephenson, McGrath, Tracey, Fairclough, Williams, Hill, Hamilton.

— By Keith Gilmour —



Faruggia of Melita

Inter Monaro

Manly

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MONARO: Fabriani 3, O'May 3, De Paoli 3, Cumming 3, Crawford 4, Santolin 3, Lawler 3, Forwood 4, Giampaoli 3, W. Valeri 4, Morsello 3.

4. **MANLY:** Cassetari 4, Jones 5, Doyle 3, Dick 3, Stocks 3, Geoghan 3, Geekie 3, Rozendaal 4, Toland 3, Delaney 3, Nawalu 4.

GOALS: 0-1 Nawalu (23m), 1-1 Valeri (85m). REFEREE: K. Allen — CROWD: 1,200.

The first State League match ever played in Queanbeyan resulted in a disappointing draw. The game was played in blustery conditions that made it hard for players to control the ball. Monaro kicked off and went straight into the attack with John Forwood creating a chance for Giampaoli as early as the fourth minute. The Monaro midfield trio of Lawler, Forwood and Santolin controlled that area very effectively for the home team, placing the Manly backline under constant pressure. Early on Giampaoli created some dangerous chances. Manly had to content themselves with occasional counter-attacks, but never really looked dangerous. In the 28th minute disaster struck for Monaro. Goalkeeper Fabio Fabriani threw the ball to the feet of unmarked striker Nawalu who chipped the ball back over the keeper to score an easy goal. It was a potentially soul destroying goal, and could well have led to a total Monaro collapse. However, they stuck to their task and strung together some fine moves. In the second half Manly came back more into the game, keeping the ball low on the ground to avoid the pass destroying high wind. With 10 minutes to go Giampaoli missed a great chance to equalise when he mis-kicked in front of an open goal, but Valeri showed him how it was done five minutes later. After receiving a defence splitting pass from young Morsello he measured his shot and sent a low hard drive between Cassetari and the near post to gain a well deserved point. Less than a minute later Monaro could well have stolen the game when Lawler's chip skimmed the crossbar after beating Cassetari.

— JOE CHIERA

Dick of Manly

MANLY V APIA

A repeat of the shock APIA 1-0 Ampol Cup loss to Manly, or an APIA revival?

Certainly Manly will gain from playing on the expansive Cromer Park surface, and they now have the knowledge that to beat APIA is no impossible task.

There is no need for them to be bothered about the big APIA investment in players, as they are fit enough to equalise any advantages in skill.

Quite possibly Danny McKinnon will settle for Billy Griffiths, John Doyle and Terry Butler at the front and this trio might just edge Manly out of the points.

MANLY: Cassetari, Harpur, Dick, Stocks, Geoghegan, Rozendaal, Toland, Purac, Delaney, Nawalu, Doyle, Hill, Kay.

APIA: McGuire, McGinn, McMillan, Jackson, Bakaric, Porter, Merrigan, Lindsay, Fryer, Doyle, Butler, Griffiths, Ruiz, O'Rourke, Wilson.

CROATIA V BANKSTOWN

Croatia kick off on their new home Sydney Sports Ground against a rebuilt Bankstown.

Whilst a win for the Croats seems assured, Bankstown coach Alec Kent has some talent at his beck and call, including the hard hitting Dennis Daley.

Paul Thompson, a former Bankstown player who went to St George, is back to the fold to join the rearguard.

Croatia's enterprise in securing the SSG is commendable, and they should be rewarded by securing their usual strong support, and probably also the points on the day.

CROATIA: Watson, R. Russell, Mullen, Basic, G. Smith, Stone, McDonald, Abonyi, Kovacic, Sullivan, Coleman, Leyden, Harratty, J. Russell.

BANKSTOWN: Greedy, Thompson, Morrison, Mermoleo, Lembray, Peck, C. Rootsey, Benavente, Kent, Daley, Harvey, Ingle, Brooks.

NSW Federation Official Program

ROTHMANS STATE LEAGUE

Saturday, March 25

Arlington

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WORLD NEWS



Who's complaining about some of the "difficult" ethnic names in Australian soccer? Espanol Barcelona's goalkeeper is Urriticochea

Benfica were knocked out of the Portuguese Cup quarterfinals by Sporting Lisboa, their neighbours and rivals winning 3-1. The other three semi-finalists are Porto, Riopele and Farense.

Argentina's first World Cup preparatory match ended in fiasco: they could only draw 0-0 with a random Uruguay select in Buenos Aires.

The Argentinian spectators jeered their team off the field.

Hungarian international star Tibor Nyilasi of Ferencvaros got himself into trouble, having been sent off in a match against Szeged and drawing an automatic suspension.

That Philips magic... PSV Eindhoven, the team unofficially sponsored by Philips, are running away with the Dutch title. Ajax are 10, Feyenoord an amazing 17 points behind them.

Towards the end of the game Argentina, led by the brilliant Bertoni, clearly dominated but couldn't score.



Three of the Argentine aces who are certain to be prominent during the World Cup: From left Bertoni, Luque and Villa.

Italy's top 25 soccer writers have fed all the relevant information about the 16 teams into a computer to find out who'll be in the World Cup final — and came up with Brazil and West Germany, with the South Americans winning.

Inter Milan have paid \$80,000 for an option of the transfer of French star Michel Platini from Nancy and they are ready to buy him for \$950,000 for next season.

Argentina lined up with this team: Fillol-Pagnanini, Galvan, Passarella, Botaniz-Ardiles, Gallego, Villa-Houseman, Luque, Bertoni.

Coach Luis Cesar Menotti said he was disappointed with the result — but pleased with the display of most of his players.

"We will keep experimenting," he said. "Obviously we have to increase our striking power."

Argentina's next test will come against Bulgaria on March 29.

Gianni Rivera, Italian soccer's aging golden boy, has elected this "world team": Albertosi (It.), Vogts (Germ.), Tresor (France), Russman (Germ.), Neal (Engl.), Zico, Cerezo, Rivelino, Roberto (all Brazil), Keegan (Engl.), Cruyff (Holland). The one truly surprising choice is Albertosi ahead of the Italian national goalie Zoff.

This is what Kevin Keegan thinks of West Germany's World Cup chances: "Without Beckenbauer, they are no longer the best in the world but with him they would probably retain their title. However, the middle of their defence is 'soft' and some of the better teams in Argentina will surely exploit this."

Professor Robert Jelinek has worked out a detailed diet for the Austrian team during the World Cup and this prescribes 3,500 calories a day — no less than 1,000 for breakfast.

With his suspension over, Kevin Keegan rejoined Hamburg after an eight-week spell — and promptly led his team to a smashing 4-1 win over Braunschweig. Keegan, according to a German sport weekly, was the best man on the field.

A keen battle is raging for the Spanish title and the adversaries are traditional rivals Real Madrid and CF Barcelona, running neck to neck. The relegation contenders are Hercules Alicante, Santander and Cadiz.

Spain's manager Laszlo Kubala recently visited Budapest, where he watched two matches between top teams. He said: "I'm sure that this new Hungarian national team will be one of the big surprises of the World Cup." Kubala, a Hungarian, left Budapest in 1947 and has been living in Spain since.

EURO-CUPS

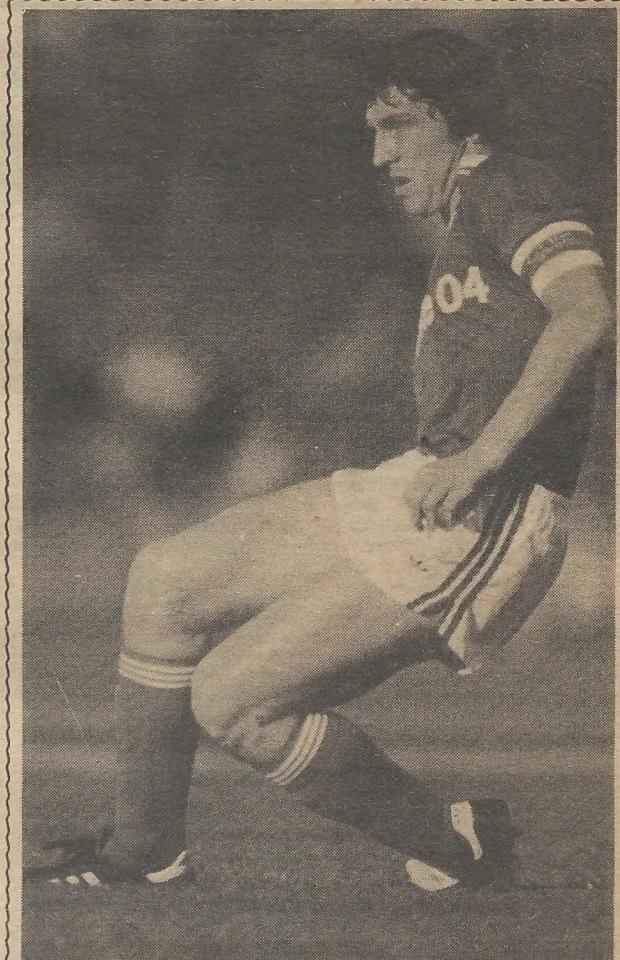
European champions Liverpool steered an easy course to the semi-finals of the Champions' Cup yesterday by drubbing Portugal's Benfica 4-1 for a 6-2 aggregate.

But last year's losing semi-finalists Borussia Moenchengladbach, West Germany, took the hard route with a 2-0 win over Austria's Wacker Innsbruck to qualify only because of the away-goals rule.

CHAMPIONS' CUP: Quarter-finals, second leg: Borussia Moenchengladbach (W. Germany) 2, Wacker Innsbruck (Austria) 0. Drew 3-3 on aggregate (Borussia to semi-finals by scoring more goals away from home). Juventus (Italy) 1, Ajax (Holland) 1. Tied 2-2 on aggregate (Juventus won 3-0 on penalty kicks and go to semi-finals). Atletico Madrid (Spain) 3, FC Bruges (Belgium) 2. FC Bruges won 4-3 on aggregate. Liverpool (England) 4, Benfica (Portugal) 1, Liverpool won 6-2 on aggregate.

CUP-WINNERS' CUP: Quarter-finals, second leg: Hajduk Split (Yugoslavia) 1, Austria Vienna (Austria) 1. Tied on aggregate 2-2. Austria won 3-1 on penalty kicks. Moscow Dynamo (USSR) 3, Real Betis Sevilla (Spain) 0. Dynamo won 3-0 on aggregate. Twente Enschede (Holland) 4, Vejle BK (Denmark) 0. Twente won 7-0 on aggregate. Anderlecht (Belgium) 3, FC Porto (Portugal) 0. Anderlecht won 3-1 on aggregate.

UEFA CUP: Quarter-finals, second leg: Grasshopper Zurich (Switzerland) 1, Eintracht Frankfurt (W. Germany) 0. Drew on aggregate 3-3. Grasshopper won by scoring more goals away from home. Carl Zeiss Jena (E. Germany) 4, Bastia (France) 2. Bastia won 9-6 on aggregate. Barcelona (Spain) 2, Aston Villa (England) 1, Barcelona won 4-3 on aggregate. PSV Eindhoven (Holland) 4, FC Magdeburg (E. Germany) 2, PSV Eindhoven won 4-3 on aggregate.



Klaus Fischer, Schalke's brilliant West German international, the man who may emerge as the saviour of his declining team.

ONLY THE KING MAY SAVE THEM

Every great and successful team is built around one outstanding personality — so said some years ago the doyen of German coaches, the great Sepp Herberger, who died last year.

Now, his successor, the fast aging and ailing Helmut Schon, is worried that his World Cup squad has no such personality.

In 1954 the Germans had the veteran but superbly skilled Fritz Walter, then came the era of Uwe Seeler and, from 1970, the sparkling period of Beckenbauer, Muller, Overath, Netzer and others.

Now, for the first time in more than 20 years, West German soccer is without such a star.

Schon was hoping that FC Kolin's Flohe, 33, might develop into one but the clever, polished midfielder is far too moody for that.

His Kolin partner Neumann, 24, is a newcomer to the national team and despite his talent, not yet mature to rise above the others, while Kaltz, Bonhof, Fischer and even the veteran Vogts lack that intangible super-star quality.

Schon knows this — so he did the obvious: he approached Frankfurt's Jürgen Grabowski, 33, asking him to reconsider his decision never to play again for Germany.

Grabowski, in brilliant form for his club, considered the matter for two days — and then replied with a strong "nein".

"I've made a new life for myself without the national team," he said. "Everything has been said on the subject that needs saying. I don't think it would be good for anybody if I changed my mind."

The 1974 world champion team has been shot to bits. Muller and Grabowski have voluntarily retired from the national team, Overath has quit, Beckenbauer is in the USA and unavailable, Hoeness, after two operations, has gone downhill, Holzenbein is getting on and Schwarzenbeck, at only 29, seems to be a spent force.

Of course, the Germans will send a strong team to Argentina: their timing of preparation is usually the very best, their stamina, speed and elan unquestioned.

But more and more experts are wondering if all that will be enough without at least one truly great player, a status only the Schalke striker Klaus Fischer is capable of achieving.

ISRAEL IN EUROPE?

April 22 is when UEFA will decide at its Congress in Istanbul whether to admit Israel as a member.

Israel was expelled by the Asian Confederation, on Arab pressure, and despite many threats of sanctions, FIFA has been unable to make the Asians change their mind.

All this suits Israel who would much prefer to be in the European body anyway rather than go through the torture and harassment the AFC hands out to them.

Five countries have decided to sponsor Israel's application: West Germany, Switzerland, France, Holland and Sweden.

However, Israel will need a two-third majority to be accepted — and the whole Eastern Bloc, led by the USSR, is certain to vote against them.

If some of the vacillating countries abstain — like Austria, Malta, Portugal, Spain and Finland — Israel's application is doomed.

But not all may be lost. Even if the vote goes against their membership application, UEFA may permit Israel to take part in the various European championships and cups.

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